

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A computerized, integrated emergency medical transportation database system having a demographic audit module, the system comprising:

5 a medical emergency database configured to store clinical encounter information, patient demographic data, and transport information; and

a demographic audit module in communication with the medical emergency database, wherein the demographic audit module is configured to:

10 determine whether sufficient patient demographic data exists in the medical emergency database, and

search other databases in an attempt to obtain missing demographic information.

15 2. The system of Claim 1, wherein the demographic audit module is additionally configured to document one or more attempts to obtain any missing demographic information.

20 3. The system of Claim 1, wherein the demographic audit module is additionally configured to apply modifiable data collection rules associated with a payer type to determine whether sufficient patient demographic data exists in the medical emergency database.

25 4. The system of Claim 1, additionally comprising a billing module in communication with the medical emergency database, the billing module receiving data from the demographic audit module.

5. A method of auditing demographic data in an integrated emergency medical transportation database system, the method comprising:

30 collecting at least clinical encounter information, patient demographic data and transport information into a medical emergency database;

applying modifiable data collection rules associated with a payer type to determine whether sufficient patient demographic data exists in the medical emergency database;

searching other databases in an attempt to obtain missing demographic information; and

recording attempts to obtain missing demographic information.

5           6.     The method of Claim 5, wherein the other databases are located within the emergency medical transportation database system.

7.     The method of Claim 5, wherein the other databases are external to the emergency medical transportation database system and can be accessed via a network.

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8.     An integrated emergency medical transportation database system having a data accuracy filter module, the system comprising:

15           a medical emergency database configured to store clinical encounter information, patient demographic data, and transport information; and

          a data accuracy filter module in communication with the medical emergency database, wherein the data accuracy filter module is configured to:

          determine whether sufficient patient demographic data exists in the medical emergency database, and

20           search other databases to obtain any missing demographic information.

9.     The system of Claim 8, wherein the data accuracy filter module is additionally configured to document one or more attempts to obtain missing demographic information.

10.    The system of Claim 8, wherein the data accuracy filter module is additionally configured to apply data collection rules associated with a payer type to determine whether sufficient patient demographic data exists in the medical emergency database.

11.    The system of Claim 8, additionally comprising a billing module in communication with the medical emergency database, the billing module receiving data from the data accuracy filter module.

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